

Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 9th November 2023

Subject: Smoke Free Generation - Proposed Legislation

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| Purpose of bringing this report to the Board | | |
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| Decision | | |
| Recommendation to Full Council | | |
| Endorsement | Х | |
| Information | | |

| Implications | | Applicable Yes/No |
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| DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus | Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol) | |
| | Mental Health | |
| | Dementia | |
| | Obesity | |
| | Children and Families | Х |
| Joint Strategic Needs Assessment | | |
| Finance | | |
| Legal | | |
| Equalities | | Х |
| Other Implications (please list) | | |
| Tobacco Control and Smoking Cessation | | X |

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

On 4th October, the Prime Minister outlined potential legislation to raise the age of sale for tobacco by one year every year and to tighten restrictions on the sale of vapes to children and young people. The Government's proposals will help Doncaster to achieve the ambition of a smokefree England by 2030 and ensure children and young people do not become addicted to tobacco in the first place.

This proposed legislative change would have a profound impact on society and could be the most significant public health intervention of our lifetime, saving tens of thousands of lives and billions of pounds for the NHS, social care, and society as a whole.

The proposed age of sale legislation has the potential to phase out smoking in young people almost completely as early as 2040.

Each year in Doncaster, 5200 people are admitted to hospital and tobacco kills around 675 people. Implementing this policy will mean that some of Doncaster's more vulnerable communities will be able to live healthier longer lives, and ultimately lead to a future free from the harm and death caused by tobacco.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

Support the proposed changes to legislations for:
a) Age of saleb) Marketing of vapes